

REMARKS

With the entry of this amendment claims 1-13 remain pending. Claim 1 has been amended to be placed in a new form for allowance. Claims 3, 8, 11 and 13 have been placed in independent form without substantive amendment.

This Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

Also filed herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with copies of US Patent No 5,052,680 and a related web site document, both of which were first brought to applicants' attention in a 20 August 2004 Search Report from the British Patent Office issued with respect to British application GB0403532.5, claiming priority from the same U.S. provisional application as the present application. The Search Report (copy enclosed with Supplemental IDS) classifies both references as Category X (i.e. allegedly anticipatory) with respect to one or more of the claims.

For the foregoing reasons, entry of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, entry of this Amendment, reconsideration of the claims and allowance of the application and all pending claims 1-13 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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